

Con-form User's Guide

















Con-form is a text formatter which is automatically installed with Con-nect.

To write your text, you can use the Con-nect editor (see the *Con-nect User's Guide*, section *Text Processing*).

This documentation provides a step-by-step introduction to Con-form. It starts with simple text formatting instructions and gradually introduces more complex features.

Many Con-form instructions are illustrated by examples. The examples show both how you specify an instruction in your source text and how the formatted output looks. As a rule, the term "output", as used in the examples, refers to the printed version of the formatted document.

This documentation is subdivided into the following sections:

	Con-form Instructions	Explains how to specify Con-form instructions in your source text. It also explains how you can suppress the recognition of Con-form instructions.
	Writing a Simple Document	Introduces the most important instructions that you need to produce a simple document.
	Document Layout	Explains how to define the document layout.
	Positioning Text	Explains features such as centering or right-adjusting text, indenting paragraphs and defining page breaks.
	Emphasizing Text	Explains features such as boldface printing and underlining. Furthermore, it explains how to use escape sequences so that you can define, for example, italic text.
	Hyphenation	Explains how to activate hyphenation for the English, French or German language.
	Tabs and Boxes	Explains how to set tab stops and create boxes.
	Formatting Large Documents	Explains how to merge several documents into a single output document ("embedding"). It also explains how to create a table of contents and an index.
	Variables	Explains how to work with variables.
	Conditional and Repetitive Processing	Explains how to define consequences that are to be processed when the result of a relation is true.
	Macros	Explains how to work with macros.
	Controlling the Output	Explains how to define the pages to be output (printed) and the paper tray to be used. It also explains how to replace multiple blanks with a single blank and how to translate characters.
	Formatting a Document	Explains how to format a document, use a printer profile and define a formatting profile.
	Special Characters	Explains the characters that have a special meaning in Con-form.
	Form Letters	Explains how to create a form letter which contains variables that are to be substituted with information from an Adabas file. Furthermore, it explains how to test whether your form letter produces the desired results before you have the variables replaced with data from the database.
	Deprecated Instructions	Lists all Con-form instructions which are still retained for compatibility with older Con-form versions. However, it is recommended that you do not use these instructions.

The following topics are covered below:

- List of all Instructions
- List of all Options

List of all Instructions

The following is an alphabetical list of all Con-form instructions.

- `.**` (comment)
- `.>>` (label)
- `.AN` (logical operator)
- `.BF` (boldface)
- `.BM` (bottom margin)
- `.BP` (bold print)
- `.BR` (line break)
- `.BT` (bottom title for all pages)
- `.BX` (box)
- `.CB` (compress blanks)
- `.CE` (center text)
- `.CH` (chapter)
- `.CO` (comment)
- `.CS` (character spacing)
- `.CV` (compute variable)
- `.DU` (dump workspace)
- `.EB` (bottom title for even pages)
- `.EC` (end-of-line character)
- `.EF` (end of file)
- `.EI` (end If-condition)
- `.EL` (else)
- `.EM` (embed)

- .EP (end of processing)
- .ET (top title for even pages)
- .EW (end While-loop)
- .FI (filling)
- .FM (footer margin)
- .FN (footnote)
- .FS (footer space)
- .GO (go to specified label)
- .HC (header clear)
- .HL (header lines)
- .HM (header margin)
- .HP (hyphen connection)
- .HS (header space)
- .IC (ignore instructions)
- .IF (start If-condition)
- .IL (insert lines)
- .IP (insert pages)
- .IX (index)
- .JU (justification)
- .LL (line length)
- .LM (left margin)
- .LO (lower-case)
- .LS (line spacing)
- .MA (start macro)
- .ME (end macro)
- .MX (exit from macro)
- .NL (need lines)

- .NP (new page)
- .OB (bottom title for odd pages)
- .OF (offsetting)
- .OP (options)
- .OR (logical operator)
- .OT (top title for odd pages)
- .PH (print header)
- .PL (page length)
- .PM (page-numbering mode)
- .PN (page number)
- .PS (paragraph start)
- .PT (put to table of contents)
- .RA (right-adjustment)
- .RM (right margin)
- .RS (restore context)
- .SA (save context)
- .SB (skip blanks)
- .SC (set chapter number)
- .SL (skip lines)
- .SU (substitution)
- .SV (set variable)
- .TB (tab stops)
- .TH (then)
- .TI (temporary indentation)
- .TM (top margin)
- .TO (text orientation)
- .TR (translate character to character)

- .TS (translate character to string)
- .TT (top title for all pages)
- .TY (type information)
- .UL (underline)
- .UP (upper-case)
- .US (underscore)
- .WH (start While-loop)
- .WX (exit from While-loop)

List of all Options

The following is an alphabetical list of all Con-form options.

- BIN (paper bin)
- BRN (suppress line breaks)
- BXH (horizontal box line)
- BXV (vertical box line)
- CHA (chapter numbering)
- CHI (chapter indentation)
- CHL (chapter levels)
- CSE (instruction separator character)
- DAS (characters after decimal)
- DEC (decimal character)
- ECH (echo instructions)
- EMN (embed nobreak)
- END (end-of-line character)
- ESC (escape character)
- GEV (gutter for even pages)
- GOD (gutter for odd pages)
- GUT (gutter for all pages)

- HYA (characters after the hyphen)
- HYB (characters before the hyphen)
- HYP (hyphenation)
- LOC (shiftlock character)
- NPG (number of pages to output)
- PAG (page number)
- PGF (page formatting)
- PNS (page-number character)
- PTC (switch .PT on/off)
- REM (remainder of division)
- RND (round result of arithmetic calculation)
- ROM (Roman page-numbering)
- SHI (shift character)
- SSF (single sheet feeder)
- STA (start output at specific page)
- STO (stop output at specific page)
- TRI (thousands separator character)
- ULB (underscore blanks)
- VSG (variable character)